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SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT -- APPOINTMENT OF  
IVORIAN AS CONSULTANT

1. MAY 9 ISSUE OF FRATERNITE-MATIN, IVORY COAST DAILY NEWS-PAPER, REPORTS THAT DR. BALLA KEITA HAS BEEN APPOINTMED AS A UN CONSULTANT ON PROGRAMMING AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, DR. BALLA WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSISTING FRANCOPHONE AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN PREPARING FOR THE 1979 UN CONFERENCE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPMENT. TO BE BASED AT ECA HEADQUARTERS IN ADDIS ABABA AND IN NEW YORK, HE WILL ALSO ACT AS ADVISOR TO GOVERNMENTS WORKING TO CREATE MINISTRIES OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND/OR OTHER RESEARCH BODIES TO ASSIST IN HARNESSING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

2. EMBASSY CONSIDERS DR. BALLA EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR SUCH A POSITION. AS DIRECTOR OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS IN GOIC MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH 1973-77, HE PLAYED A VERY ACTIVE ROLE IN ADMINISTERING IVORY COAST'S EXTREMELY UNCLASSIFIED

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BROAD SCIENTIFIC AND AGRICULTURAL RESERCH PROGRAM AND IN ORGANIZING VARIETY OF SCIENCE-RELATED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HELD IN ABIDJAN IN RECENT YEARS. IN THESE CAPACITIES, HE HAS COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH EMBASSY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS AND SEEMS ALWAYS TO BE RECEPTIVE TO U.S. IDEAS AS TO MEANS OF TRANSFERRING TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. DR. BALLA WAS TRAINED AS VETERINARIAN IN GERMANY.  
HIS ENGLISH IS WEAK.  
COOKE

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